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YUCCA MOUNTAIN SCOPING MEETING  
PUBLIC COMMENTS

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

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JIM CASE: I'm sort of being stonewalled on why this particular route was selected for bringing the waste to the repository. And they point to the record of decision, say, Well, it's all laid out in there. And I have to think it's political in order to avoid Las Vegas, because they would have had a route probably one quarter of the length if they had started -- one choice would have been Ajax sitting up above Las Vegas, northeast.

Somebody mentioned they also considered from Jean coming around. It would have been a much shorter route to Yucca Mountain, much shorter, much easier to build. It would have cost much less. And as a taxpayer I have a big concern as to why they picked this route. The only reason that occurred to me is it had to be political.

Clark County and congressional delegation so far forced the route around Las Vegas despite the fact that that material is going to have to come through all sorts of cities all throughout the country to get here -- Salt Lake City, Reno, Sacramento, God knows where, anywhere material is being generated is transported.

So why is it such a concern about coming somewhere near Las Vegas, not through Las Vegas, but

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near Las Vegas when they're going to have to come right through the center of these other cities. They say, Read the record of decision and it will tell you why, but it will not address -- the record decision doesn't address political decisions. I haven't read it but I imagine they avoid any reference to any political ramifications. Why did they pick an extremely long 319 mile route while a shorter, less expensive route could have been chosen?

KAREN ERNST: I've lived in Clark County for over 40 years and I've lived in Lincoln County for 7 years. I have concerns about water, about trains, about earthquakes, because we're on earthquake faults, and most of all for the future. Any economic relief will not be offset by the risk for each succeeding generation. So I have to wonder if we care about our children or their children.

Regarding the 319 mile long railroad to haul nuclear waste from the outskirts of Caliente to a yet to be built repository in Yucca Mountain, recently the Las Vegas Review-Journal had an article about the numerous train derailments in the western United States. Their article was in regard to coal and the transportation of that, but I don't see any difference. It should be noted that waste will be

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hailed from other states and we need to be concerned about shipping 77,000 tons from the 39 states across the nation.

We've been pacified by being told we have an emergency response team who have received training to handle hazardous waste emergencies, yet the 11 car train derailment on March 27th near Rainbow Canyon was not known to that team, and the public didn't know it. And I suggest that that's exactly the mode of operation that will be used with the waste trains.

Are we in a drought? Has Clark County gained rights to our water? Of course they have. How much water does it take to cool the waste for 10,000 years? And the most recent thing I read said 10,000 years may not be enough, but we don't know what's going to happen.

Of course no one in Vermont or New Jersey really cares, or any of the other 37 states, how we take care of it, they just want it out of their neighborhood.

And when it comes down to the bottom line, the dollar that comes from this is not big enough to repair all the damage that could be caused. Nevada has already given more to this great nation in atomic testing and lives. And I know of many, many families

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1 who have lost lives. They've given more than should  
2 be required. Let the states that house and use the  
3 nuclear plants dispose of their own waste.

4 I love Lincoln County and I love this state  
5 and I love America, but I also love common sense and  
6 logic, and this plan has none.

7 TERRY JONES: I'm from Pioche, Nevada.

8 First of all, let me give you a story. I moved here  
9 when I was four years old, so I've been in and around  
10 here. I went to Vegas and taught for 30 years, went  
11 to college and a few things, but nevertheless this  
12 has kind of been my roots. My parents lived here all  
13 that time. So in other words, I've been here for a  
14 long time.

15 And I was here during the time of the down  
16 winders where the atomic bombs went off. Fortunately  
17 about the time it really got bad was about the time I  
18 pulled up and moved out and went away to college, so  
19 I kind of missed the down thing that affected most of  
20 the people around here.

21 And I've always been, you know, in fact,  
22 right now I fight a lot with the commissioner on  
23 different other things. You know, I've always  
24 maintained that if you're not doing something for a  
25 county, you're doing it to the county. And right now

1 is what's going to happen as I see it. We're going  
2 to get on the short end of the stick again. Because  
3 I read the papers. I go to the meetings. I go here  
4 and there, but not once do they ever say what is this  
5 going to do for Lincoln County. We're going to take  
6 a portion of Lincoln County, we're going to run a  
7 railroad through there, how is it going to benefit  
8 us? Sure it might put a few more railroad workers to  
9 work, but how is it going to actually affect us?

10 Right now the budget for Lincoln County,  
11 they've been fighting this for the last two years,  
12 for sure longer than that about having enough money  
13 to actually run the county. But none of this money  
14 goes into the coffer for running the county.

15 You know, everything we have, either grants,  
16 loans or some other type of, you know, gift, if you  
17 will. In other words, if we don't have those, you  
18 know, in lieu of tax money, these type of things,  
19 we'd be deep down in the gully. Right now we're one  
20 of the most impoverished counties. If you don't  
21 believe this, check the record. It will tell you in  
22 the state of Nevada.

23 And, you know, like I say, if you're not  
24 doing it for Lincoln County, you're doing it to  
25 Lincoln County. And I cannot understand how we can

1 I feel people are doing it to the county.

2 As of right now I hear this railroad going  
3 through, but I don't hear anybody saying how is that  
4 going to affect us. This Joint Alleviation Impact  
5 Committee spent 20 years in Lincoln County doing an  
6 impact study of how it will affect us. 20 years.

7 During that time their budget has been  
8 between a half to three quarters of a million dollars  
9 every year. So that means over the 20-year period,  
10 if we rounded out to a half million, they have spent  
11 at least \$10 million. The amount of money that the  
12 state and this town could really help this county is  
13 just about zilch. All of this Joint Alleviation  
14 Impact Committee has been conducted by people outside  
15 of Lincoln County. They come in here, they hold a  
16 meeting, they leave here, they go outside the county.

17 So in other words, it's not doing us any  
18 good. So my question is it sounds like we're  
19 outnumbered, okay. You know, like David and Goliath,  
20 we're outnumbered. In other words, the  
21 representation in Congress far outweighs us from here  
22 back to there, and as a direct result we're going to  
23 get it.

24 I wish we had that slingshot that David had,  
25 but we don't have it. And so as a direct result this

1 actually, any of us, can approve something like this  
2 without having some benefit. Right now, and I've  
3 checked this out, there is some nuclear waste  
4 actually going through here to the Test Site. You  
5 know, it's not the big, nuclear waste, you know, the  
6 heavy stuff, but there are certain things going over  
7 there right now. They go through Lincoln County. We  
8 don't get one dime for it. We don't get a penny. We  
9 don't get anything.

10 So if we're going to put our health, our  
11 welfare and the welfare of our many people that come  
12 to Lincoln County, and if we're going to put that on  
13 the line, then we ought to be getting paid for it so  
14 the younger generation can come up through the ranks  
15 and at least have a sellable skill when they get out  
16 of school here. Right now most of our kids here  
17 leave here because there's nothing for them to stay  
18 for. And I resent that, you know. I had to leave.  
19 That was back in '56.

20 So, you know, I'm just a little concerned  
21 about this, and I know there's nothing that can be  
22 done to stop it, but I guess I could say I'd like to  
23 stop it, but I can't. I read it. There's no way I  
24 can stop it. But in the interim what I would like to  
25 do is see something happen where they would

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1 compensate us for us putting up with this. And  
2 that's what we did during the atomic blasts, we put  
3 up with it.

4 I'd like to be on record as realizing that  
5 it's an inevitable thing. Whatever I say or whatever  
6 anybody says it's not going to influence it because  
7 of the geographical representation. And so I guess  
8 at that particular time, you know, what I would like  
9 to see happen is if we're going to have to put up  
10 with it that we get something.

11 GLENNON ZELCH: And the first thing I  
12 noticed is your sign out here about building a  
13 railroad leaves off the most important item: Lots  
14 and lots and lots of money is what it takes to build  
15 a railroad. And I don't think it's worth it. I  
16 think trucks will be much more practical.

17 How are you going to get waste from all the  
18 various sites onto rail? That is my biggest  
19 question, how are they going to get it onto rail?  
20 These huge railroad casks that they're talking about  
21 are only going to work if the facility has a rail  
22 citing and if the facility can put together an entire  
23 train of casks.

24 Because I don't think the railroads are  
25 going to want to haul one car as part of a 150 car

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1 long train that's hauling coal and refrigerators and  
2 automobiles and everything else and then take it into  
3 a rail yard and juggle it around, finally get it into  
4 a train that's headed west. You know, there's too  
5 many logistical problems there. How are they going  
6 to keep track of that rail car, maintain security on  
7 it? I don't think it could be done.

8 And the heavy haul idea, I told the guy two  
9 years ago it was not going to work. I've seen  
10 they've finally given it up. I think what you're  
11 doing is just floating some trial balloons to see how  
12 much reaction you get. I think ultimately they're  
13 going to set them on trucks because it's the only  
14 practical way to handle it.

15 Rail lines, what they're talking about  
16 building on this end, first of all, is way more  
17 expensive than building a reasonably good highway.  
18 And on the other end, gathering the stuff together  
19 and loading it on the rail is not going to work very  
20 well because some of the sites don't even have rail  
21 service.

22 So you've either got to build service into  
23 those sites, which is not practical, or load it on a  
24 truck and then transfer it. If you want to load it  
25 on a truck, you might as well leave it on a truck.

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1 With satellite tracking, once that truck is loaded,  
2 it's a full load, it's going to carry one cask and  
3 that's it. They can track that truck all the way to  
4 Yucca.

5 Rail cars can be tracked but not as easily,  
6 and they can't maintain the security of them. One  
7 truck they can. They can contract with a single  
8 trucking company that will do nothing but haul  
9 nuclear waste. All the drivers can be background  
10 checked, certified, everything. How are you going to  
11 check background of every employee that works on  
12 every railroad yard and all the hobos that hang out  
13 there?

14 I think they might as well just build a good  
15 highway and make the transfer station down at the end  
16 of Rainbow Canyon. Build a good highway straight out  
17 to Kain Springs Road. It leads from -- well, you  
18 come down the railroad to about this place here,  
19 which would put you 20 miles out of Caliente, so that  
20 would remove most of the argument about that. Right  
21 in town, take it right out across 93.

22 And this map is not exactly accurate, the  
23 wildlife reservation border comes right along here.  
24 You cross over at that point, you're in federal land  
25 all the way. You cross here, drop down along here,

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1 come up around here to Yucca and you're either in the  
2 federal wildlife area or you're in the Nevada test  
3 range.

4 And all of it is run by the same president,  
5 so if he wants it to go that way, it could be made to  
6 go that way regardless. I've talked to several  
7 people who said no, the military won't allow us to  
8 cross the Nellis test range. If the President says  
9 you're going to cross, just give him a hundred feet  
10 to lay their roadway in, it will go across. And  
11 there's no reason it couldn't be done. It would be  
12 economical.

13 For that matter the states can't restrict  
14 transfer the haul on the interstate highway system  
15 anyway. So the only way they can make a restriction  
16 is if they come off the interstate. Well, if they  
17 wanted to they could come down I-15 here and build an  
18 exit that would come over here through Elgin and have  
19 a highway across there that would just pick up in  
20 Elgin.

21 So if any of it came in by rail that would  
22 be transferred to Elgin on the trucks into Yucca from  
23 there. If it came in by highway everything east of  
24 Nevada could come down, it's going to wind up coming  
25 down I-15 because it's the only route that gets close

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1 to Yucca, come down I-15 and exit somewhere north of  
 2 Mesquite, come across the southern end of Lincoln  
 3 County through wherever our transfer point is and  
 4 then on into Yucca from there, follow the same route  
 5 as what the off-loaded stuff comes in if it doesn't  
 6 actually have to get loaded onto rail cars.

7 They can't load those huge casks on rail  
 8 cars. I mean, they could load them onto rail cars,  
 9 that part is possible, but they can't -- I don't  
 10 think there's any of the facilities that are able to  
 11 handle that size of a cask, the nuclear sites. And  
 12 once they've got it loaded, then you have the problem  
 13 of unloading it. Of course if it stayed on rail all  
 14 the way then the other end could be equipped to  
 15 unload it.

16 But I don't think the beginning end of the  
 17 line is going to be able to handle putting them on.  
 18 The casks are too big. Downsize the truck size and  
 19 then they can handle that with forklifts and ordinary  
 20 cranes that every facility has got available.

21 And it will be within something that could  
 22 be afforded. And that's the key is it all comes down  
 23 to money. Anything can be done if you put enough  
 24 money into it, but some things can be done a whole  
 25 lot more economically than they are. That's what we

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1 have to look at here, get it down to something we can  
 2 afford to do.

3 You see all the time in the papers where  
 4 there's rail accidents. How are you going to get at  
 5 least one track built up to the standard where you  
 6 could be 99 percent sure there wouldn't be a wreck on  
 7 it? I don't see that happening. I don't see how you  
 8 could push the railroads. You have to bribe the hell  
 9 out of them, and that's what we're trying to do is  
 10 avoid a bunch of big expenses.

11 The interstate highways are a different  
 12 story. You've already got them built. And you  
 13 better put money into them if you're talking about  
 14 the rail line carrying another commodity for local  
 15 area, there is no local areas in the reserve.  
 16 There's nothing out there. But the interstates,  
 17 yeah, they can carry everything.

18 So just put them on legal weight trucks,  
 19 handle it correctly, you know, with good security on  
 20 the drivers. And know where the trucks are at and  
 21 use satellite tracking to track that truck  
 22 continuously from the time it left the nuclear site  
 23 until it was at Yucca. You would know if it stopped  
 24 or started or anything along the way. It's the only  
 25 thing I see that's practical. And I'd be glad to

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1 talk to any of your engineers who try to convince me  
 2 otherwise.

3 PATRICIA LONG: My phone number is  
 4 [REDACTED] My work number is [REDACTED] I  
 5 have talked to Allen Benson and Robin Sweeney. I  
 6 have invited them to call me because I would like to  
 7 drive them up to where I live to show them two of the  
 8 ways that they want to put their railroad; one is  
 9 five tenths of a mile from my front door, and the  
 10 other one is through my backyard.

11 We just built a \$247,000 home. We just made  
 12 an improvement of \$25,000 worth of brick wall. We  
 13 own 40 acres. We have subdivided that 40 acres into  
 14 ten parcels. We have three parcels left. Everybody  
 15 that has bought a lot has built over a \$200,000 home  
 16 on this land. And I really do think this new train  
 17 has got a big environmental impact upon our lives.

18 Also, we got an e-mail saying that if the  
 19 new train came into Caliente that they would close  
 20 down this school, C.O. Bastian High School, within  
 21 five years. That would put an impact. Now you not  
 22 only want to take my house, you want to take my job.  
 23 That was the rumor that we got that we would be  
 24 closed if the train came in here. So whether that is  
 25 a false rumor or not, that's one of the ones that's

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1 flying around.

2 I don't feel that our government, our city  
 3 or our county commissioners have represented us  
 4 properly by telling you that we want this, because I  
 5 think the citizens of Lincoln County don't want it,  
 6 or at least they don't want it driving through their  
 7 tracks.

8 And we also are questioning why can't it go  
 9 through the Test Site. That would save billions of  
 10 dollar, millions of dollars at least, or widen the UP  
 11 railroad, extending the line they already have and  
 12 put the train coming, give it its own track and just  
 13 use the existing line if you're going to do that.

14 When the mayor first stated at first when it  
 15 was first coming in that we didn't, Lincoln County  
 16 didn't want it, but it was going to come and we  
 17 wanted moneys or hospitals and things like that. And  
 18 Governor Miller got mad at the mayor for saying  
 19 something like that. We didn't get any road money in  
 20 this county for almost two years.

21 So the State of Nevada has an impact on what  
 22 happens in Lincoln County, if there's a support of  
 23 this also. So when it comes to that they could close  
 24 down this school if it comes in. Maybe the federal  
 25 government isn't going to do that but the State of

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1 Nevada, they could do something like that.  
 2 SUSAN POTTS: I'm with Friends of Nevada  
 3 Wilderness, and these are comments from the  
 4 organization. We're opposed to the Yucca Mountain  
 5 project and the proposal to transport nuclear waste  
 6 by rail through Nevada. The DOE's preferred route  
 7 for shipping nuclear waste would directly impact  
 8 wilderness quality lands in the state. The Caliente  
 9 corridor, as it's known, as the preferred route for  
 10 transporting this waste will directly harm three  
 11 wilderness study areas.

12 The plans to ship nuclear waste to Nevada  
 13 not only puts the public health of Nevadans in  
 14 jeopardy, it will also destroy some of the wildest  
 15 land in our state. The route the DOE has identified  
 16 goes through a sparsely inhabited part of the state,  
 17 but is a region where numerous rare plant and animal  
 18 species can be found. And people enjoy it for  
 19 recreation, hunting, for fishing, for camping, and we  
 20 would hate to see that destroyed. Although the route  
 21 crosses three state highways, the route is planned  
 22 for valleys that currently have no paved roads and  
 23 only Jeep trails or dirt roads.

24 The Kawich, South Reveille and Weepah  
 25 Springs Wilderness study areas are at risk. These

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1 are lands that the BLM designated as Congressionally  
 2 protected wilderness study areas in 1979 in  
 3 accordance with the Wilderness Act of 1964. This act  
 4 allows undeveloped, wild land to be forever protected  
 5 from development and motorized vehicles.

6 The shipment of this waste into Nevada will  
 7 threaten the health and well being of our families.  
 8 With this proposal it will damage the wide open  
 9 spaces and wild character that defines our state as  
 10 it leaves us vulnerable to terrorist activity.

11 Friends of Nevada Wilderness has been  
 12 working to protect Nevada's wild places as an  
 13 organization since 1984. We and our members are  
 14 directly impacted by this DOE proposal. Should this  
 15 railroad be constructed, we will no longer be able to  
 16 utilize and enjoy our special wild places.

17 So in summary, Friends of Nevada Wilderness  
 18 is completely opposed to the Yucca Mountain project  
 19 and to this proposal to transport nuclear waste by  
 20 rail through our beautiful state. We will be  
 21 submitting more detailed comments later in the  
 22 process.

23 ARNELDA ARNOLDUS: I live in Caliente. The  
 24 first thing I want to do is ask on the safety of  
 25 transportation. And one question was is, well, I'm

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1 really concerned about the security and just how it's  
 2 going to be arranged. And then I just learned just  
 3 lately that these casks emit radiation within 800  
 4 meters, and I never did know that before.

5 And they're proposing an industrial park  
 6 down here the goes over into town for truck  
 7 shipments. Now, that is not big enough. I mean, if  
 8 they're going to emit 800 on both sides, there is no  
 9 possible way they can do that because it's going to  
 10 affect our whole town. It will go clear up to the  
 11 schoolhouse within 800 meters. So that's impossible  
 12 to even think of truck shipments out of there.

13 And another thing I want to know is being in  
 14 Caliente the government has some way of saying, We're  
 15 not going to help you. But in a few years down the  
 16 line they say, Your fire department is inadequate.  
 17 Your maintenance is inadequate. You don't have the  
 18 evacuation program. You don't have buses. You don't  
 19 have this. And they say, We want you to do it.

20 Now, we want these things paid by the  
 21 federal government or the DOE, or whoever is  
 22 responsible. We want the top of the list fire  
 23 department. We want a top of the list of a  
 24 maintenance department. And we want a good  
 25 evacuation system. And we want it situated in our

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1 county. That's one thing.

2 The other thing is building the railroad. I  
 3 see water there. Well, I ask how much water is it  
 4 going to take. Vegas is wanting to come up here and  
 5 steal our water, which they are doing quite  
 6 successfully. Now, I want to know how much water  
 7 this railroad is going to have to take. What are the  
 8 wells they're going to drill from? Where are they  
 9 going to get it and how much is it going to take.  
 10 Because the more water you pump from these wells in  
 11 our central part of the state, the more it's going to  
 12 drain from our basins to the north, Ely, and above  
 13 Eagle Valley, northern valley. It's going to drain  
 14 from those basins.

15 Vegas is already trying to pump it from the  
 16 southern part of the state. And I feel that we, as  
 17 the people in the state, should have some protection  
 18 that if they get any water, they are limited to what  
 19 they get. Because if you start pumping from our  
 20 basins, we just might as well give you the state  
 21 because we're going to be a desert.

22 The other thing I want to know is how many  
 23 jobs can we assume that this is going to help in the  
 24 construction phase for our local people? And then  
 25 after it's constructed what can we expect for a

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1 maintenance crew and after they get it operating.  
2 Are we going to benefit for it or are we going to  
3 have this crap down our throat and say, Tough, you're  
4 not getting anything?

5 I want to see this in a concrete contract of  
6 some kind, and I just don't want a promise, a verbal  
7 promise. I want to see something in concrete,  
8 something that's going to say, Hey, if you choose  
9 this corridor, you know, you're going to take it  
10 whether you like it or not, and you're not going to  
11 get anything out of it. And I don't think that's  
12 right.

13 DON PHILLIPS: I live in Caliente. The very  
14 first thing I want to say is not all the population  
15 in Caliente are for this nuclear, as stated by our  
16 officials, both the commissioners and the local city  
17 council.

18 And I'm real concerned about -- I'm glad you  
19 bought up the inspection of the casks. I worry about  
20 government. I guess we don't trust our government  
21 enough anymore, but how long are you going to let  
22 these bids out for these casks? How close of an  
23 inspection do we have, because contractors can get  
24 awful soft. I worry about that. I worry about the  
25 station being here close to us and radiation.

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1 I'm just mad at the whole mess. We don't  
2 need it here. It was forced onto us. I don't know  
3 why the state officials don't have something to say  
4 about whether we get it. Our local officials really  
5 to me don't amount to anything. In fact, they're for  
6 it.

7 LAVETTE LEE: Our family has been here since  
8 1870. I support this as far as I think it's going to  
9 come anyway. And I think that we should try to work  
10 with the government. But one thing that I'm really  
11 strongly stating is that I think they need to work  
12 with the ranchers and the people that they're going  
13 through their allotments and property, and they  
14 really need to work with them, and they need to talk  
15 with them about it because they know the land and  
16 they know, you know, maybe a good place to cross or  
17 go over and that would help them out. And I think  
18 that they need to utilize the local people for that,  
19 for help.

20 And I think it's good you're holding these  
21 meetings in the rural areas. Too often all you have  
22 is Vegas comments or a lot of like negative people.  
23 We own property here. We have a business here. I've  
24 lived here and worked here and retired here and  
25 raised my children here. Mom raised hers here. She

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1 couldn't get rid of us. We're all living here. So I  
2 think we have a good stake in the future here.

3 DOT ROWE: What I think is that it's got to  
4 go someplace. They've already picked out Yucca  
5 Mountain and put how many millions of dollars,  
6 billions of dollars into it, so why shouldn't that be  
7 the place.

8 But I think one thing that hasn't been  
9 vested enough in is the safety of transporting that,  
10 because that seems to be the thing that they bring up  
11 all the time in the papers. And these people say,  
12 well, train wrecks, one of those things falls off it  
13 will contaminate so much. But my belief is that the  
14 way they'll handle it it won't do that. I don't  
15 think that's stressed enough, the safety part of it.

16 RON HORLACHER: I have property in  
17 Bouillionville, which is across the road from  
18 Cathedral Gorge Park just between Panaca and Pioche,  
19 nearer to Panaca. I have some property there.

20 And I am worried that the train line,  
21 they're going to come from Caliente and rebuild the  
22 old train line that hauled the ore from Pioche. But  
23 at the meeting I learned that they're going to turn  
24 left near the airport in Panaca.

25 What I want to put on the record is that

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1 Mr. Jerry Carter, who is also here, he's going to be  
2 directly affected because he has property in Eccles,  
3 and he suggested taking off from the main railroad  
4 line in Elgin, crossing through Kain Springs Wash,  
5 west through Kain Springs Wash and then go north to  
6 the Sheep range of mountains and southward towards to  
7 Beatty.

8 That gives you just one small summit to  
9 cross, just one small private landowner down there to  
10 buy from, and then from Beatty northwest through  
11 Mercury and using existing rail lines up into the  
12 Test Site. I think that is a route that the  
13 Department of Energy has not considered, maybe didn't  
14 know about, and it may very well be the best of the  
15 possibilities. It would disturb a fewer amount of  
16 people.

17 I'm a downwinder, local. I've lost my  
18 mother. I've lost my first wife. My daughter has  
19 had ovarian cancer but is still surviving after ten  
20 years. My brother has throat cancer. We're sick and  
21 tired of this stuff that we get from the test range  
22 and we're really totally against it coming into our  
23 valley. This is Meadow Valley. It's a pretty little  
24 valley. We've given and given and given over the  
25 years, and we don't want the radioactive waste coming

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1 anywhere near us.  
2 (Thereupon the proceedings  
3 were concluded at 8:00 p.m.)  
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1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER  
2 STATE OF NEVADA )  
3 SS:  
4 COUNTY OF CLARK. )  
5 I, Deborah Ann Hines, certified shorthand  
6 reporter, do hereby certify that I took down in  
7 shorthand (Stenotype) all of the proceedings had in  
8 the before-entitled matter at the time and place  
9 indicated; and that thereafter said shorthand notes  
10 were transcribed into typewriting at and under my  
11 direction and supervision and the foregoing  
12 transcript constitutes a full, true and accurate  
13 record of the proceedings had.  
14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed  
15 my hand this 10th day of May, 2004.

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20 Deborah Ann Hines, CCR #473  
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